I AM A GRADUATE OF THE 3,077,766TH CLASS OF THE LA-METAL ASTRONAUT UNIVERSITY AND A COMBAT PROFESSIONAL...

I AM FORMALLY A TROOPER IN THE SPACE CAVALRY, BUT FOR A LONG TIME I HAVE SERVED ON EARTH.

IF ORDERED, I WOULD JUMP INTO THE DEPTHS OF HELL TO FIGHT. I AM A COMMISSIONED OFFICER THAT FEARS NEITHER BLOOD NOR FILTH.

H- HEY, HEY! WAIT JUST A MINUTE! WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO HERE AFTER YOU LEAVE?

BE SAFE, PRO-FESSOR!! I TRULY LOVED BOTH YOU AND HASHIME.

N- NO IDEA. BUT I'D BETTER STUDY IT. WITHOUT UNDER-STANDING, I HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN MYSELF.

MR. PROFESSOR, SINCE THEY GAVE YOU THE SHIP YOU MUST KNOW HOW TO RUN THE MACHINERY.

EVEN WITH ALL THESE CARDS AND CHIPS THAT LOOK LIKE THEY EXPLAIN HOW TO USE IT, I STILL HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO MAKE THIS CAVESHIP GO.

WELL, WHATEVER HAPPENS YOU'VE GOT TO FIGURE IT OUT. THE LIVES OF EVERYONE ABOARD DEPEND ON YOUR BRAIN POWER!!

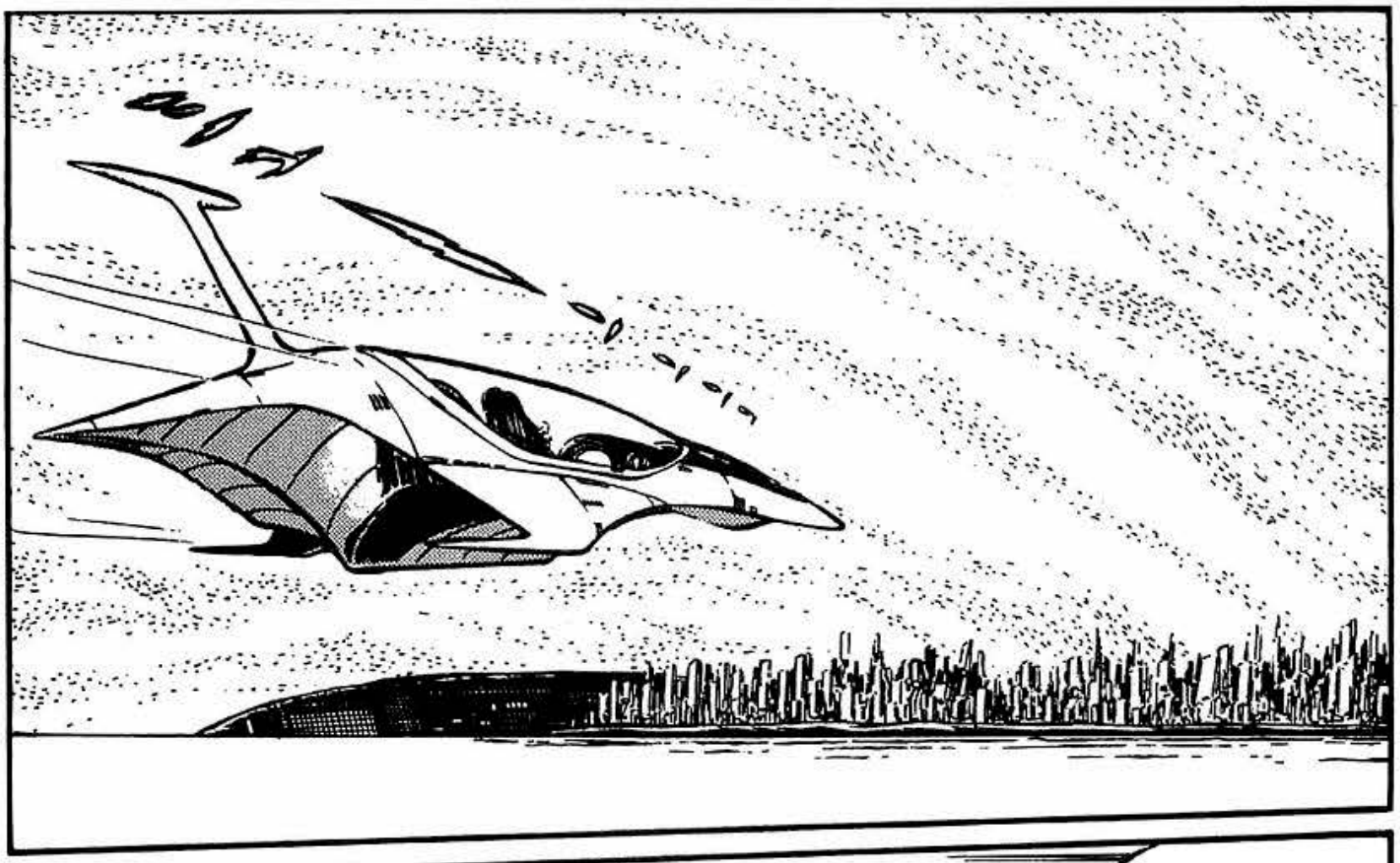
I AM RETURNING AT ONCE. WHERE IS HASHIME!?

I GUESS THIS IS IT. IT'S REALLY GOOD TO BE ABLE TO TALK WITH YOU, YAYOI!!

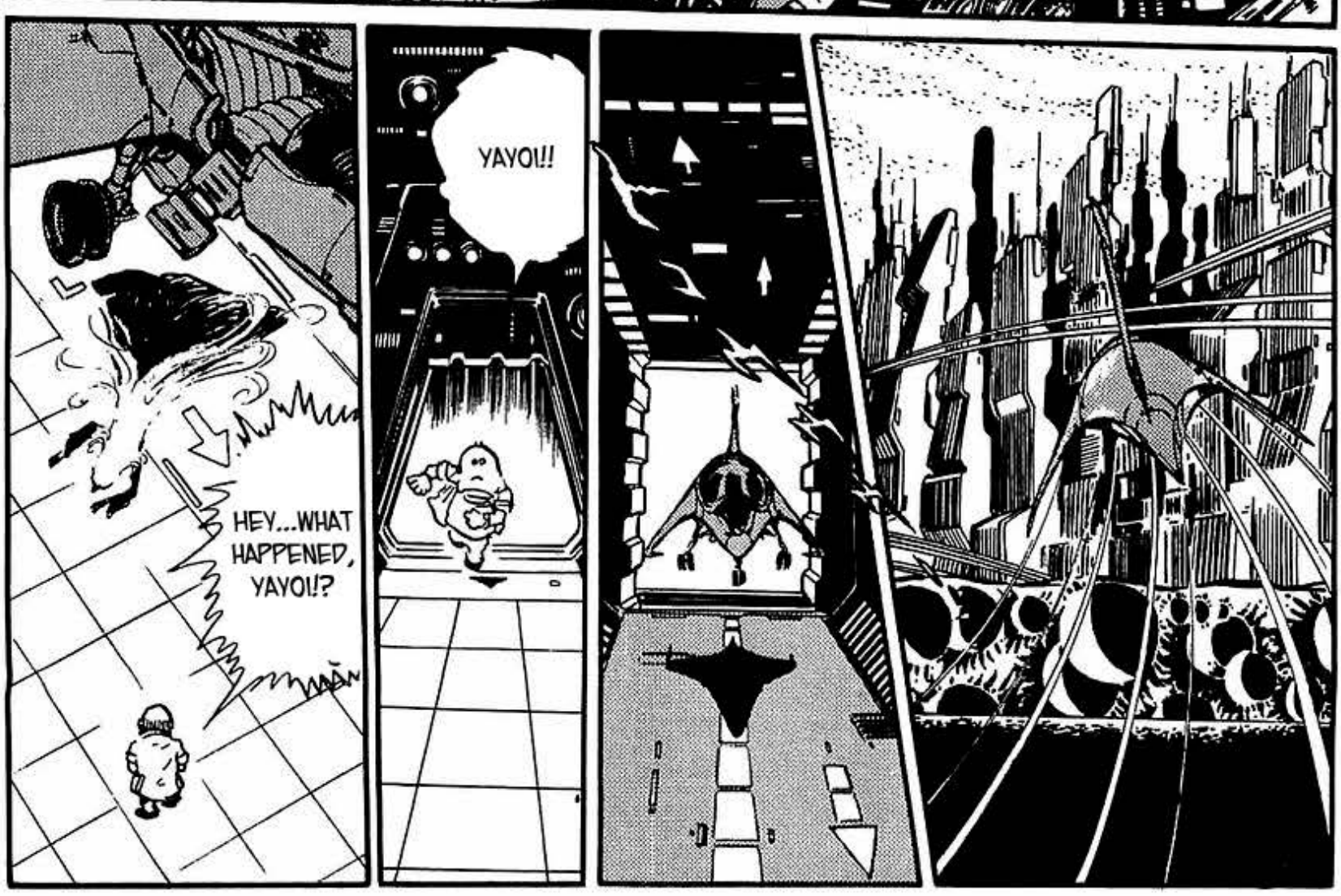
YAYOI!! RECEIVER BUTTON!?

PROFESSOR!! THIS IS YAYOI!! PROFESSOR, PUSH THE RECEIVER BUTTON!!

BASICALLY THIS SHIP RUNS ON SYSTEMS IN THE STYLE OF LA-METAL...THEY AREN'T MADE FOR EARTHLINGS...THEY'RE DIFFERENT...SOMEWHERE THERE'S A...



SO HE HASN'T RETURNED...AND YAMORI COULDN'T DO ANYTHING!? THAT'S A PROBLEM!!
HASHIME? WHAT HAPPENED? ISN'T HE WITH YOU?


HEY...WHAT HAPPENED, YAYOI!?
YAYOI!!

THIS IS TERRIBLE! THERE'S SOME MEDICINE IN SICK-BAY. GRAB ANY-THING YOU SEE. HURRY!

PLEASE DON'T DIE, YAYOI.

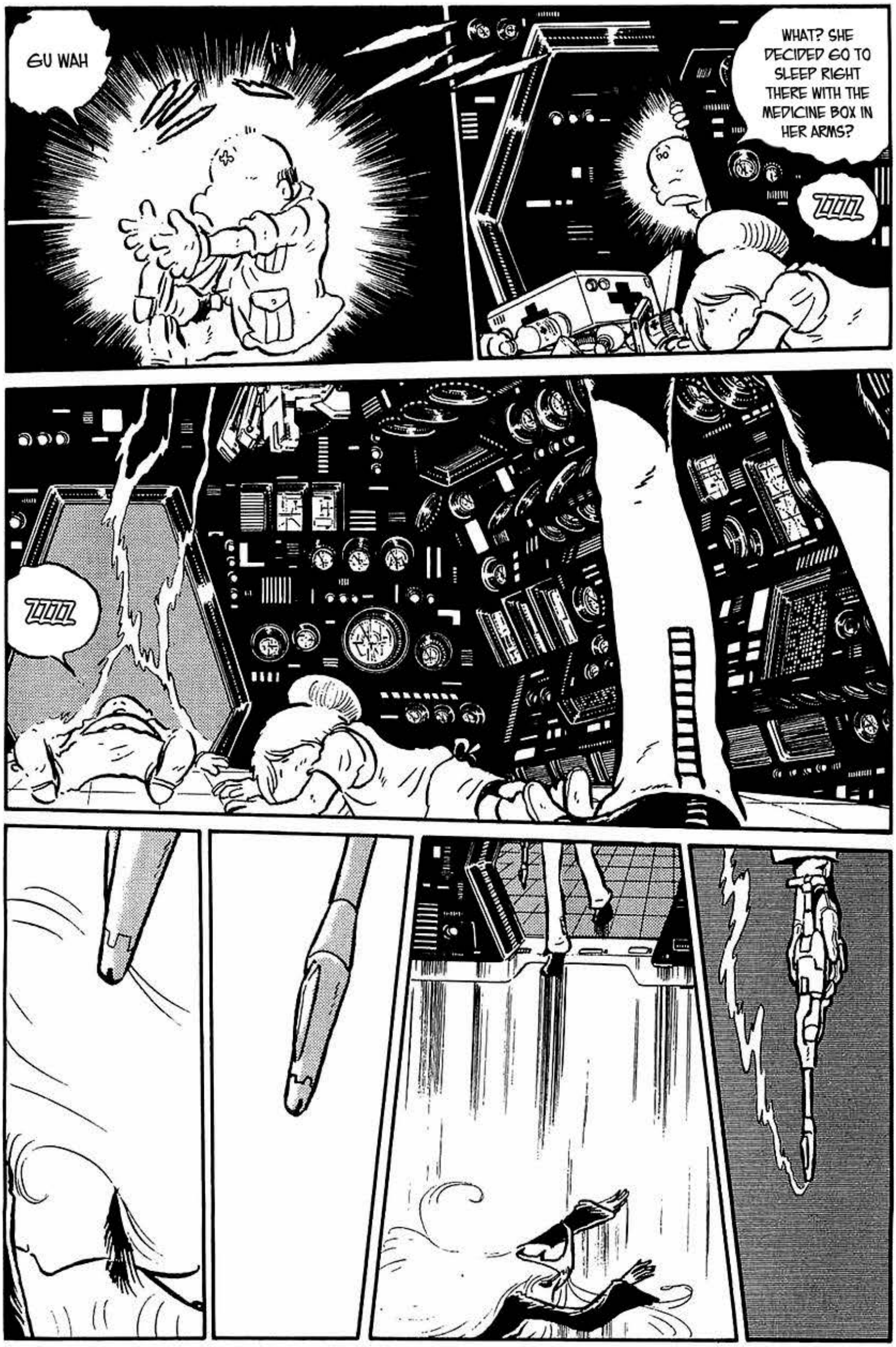
YAYOI!! HUH? YOU LEFT ME, YOUR OWN MOTHER, AND WENT WHERE? PROFESSOR!!

KYAH!

UH-HUH. BUT I HAVE NO IDEA HOW.

I HAVE TO THINK OF A WAY TO GET HASHIME BACK HERE.

PROFESSOR... I'M FINE...TAKE ME...TO MY ROOM...


GU WAH
WHAT? SHE DECIDED GO TO SLEEP RIGHT THERE WITH THE MEDICINE BOX IN HER ARMS?
ZZZ
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WH- WHAT...? THEY LOOK LIKE SLAVES...

THEY'RE TURNING THE VENTILATORS UNTIL IT GETS A LITTLE WARMER AND THE ENERGY BEINGS COME OUT OF HIBERNATION...

UMM...WHAT EXACTLY ARE THOSE PEOPLE DOING, LARLELLA?

THEY ARE MANUALLY TURNING THE BLOWERS OF THE VENTILATION SYSTEM FOR THE FARMLANDS...

EARTHLINGS!?
THEY ARE !?

ALL OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE EARTHLINGS...

INDEED...

SO...THAT MEANS THEY'RE THE SAME AS ME...

ALL OF THEM EARTHLINGS!!
...WHY!?

THESE ARE THE DESCENDANTS OF EARTHLINGS THAT CAME HERE A THOUSAND YEARS AGO.

DOES THAT MEAN...YOU ARE GOING TO ENSLAVE ALL THE EARTHLINGS AND ORDER THEM AROUND, LARLELLA!?

IT WAS YEAR 999...WHEN LA-METAL CAME INSIDE THE SOLAR SYSTEM. THE EARTHLINGS CROSSED OVER THEN.

THAT'S RIGHT. FROM A THOUSAND YEARS AGO WHEN LA-METAL AP-PROACHED EARTH...

DESCENDANTS OF EARTHLINGS FROM A THOUSAND YEARS AGO?

JUST AS NOW, AN ATMOSPHERIC BRIDGE FORMED BETWEEN THE TWO PLANETS. THE ANCESTORS OF THESE PEOPLE CAME TO LA-METAL THEN.

BUT EARTHLINGS CAN'T HIBERNATE!!

SINCE THEN THEY HAVE LIVED ON LA-METAL.

EH? WILL I BE ABLE TO COM-MUNICATE WITH THEM?

LA-METAL HAS TO HAVE THOSE EARTHLINGS HERE. C'MON. I'LL INTRODUCE YOU TO THEIR REPRESENTA-TIVES.

STRICTLY SPEAKING, IT'S ONLY THREE -AND-A-HALF MONTHS.

RIGHT. LA-METAL WENT INTO HIBERNATION NINE HUNDRED NINETY-NINE YEARS AGO. THEY ARE ONLY ACTIVE DURING THE YEAR LA-METAL IS WITHIN THE SOLAR SYSTEM.

UM...M- MY NAME IS HASHIME AMAMORI... N- NICE TO MEET YOU...

LARLELLA HERE SAYS SHE WANTS TO INTRODUCE ME. ANYWAY... I'M HERE...

THAT IS, I'M AN EARTHLING JUST LIKE YOU. I CAME FROM EARTH...

EH...DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND MY WORDS!? AREN'T YOU EARTHLINGS!?

ELPANDA!! LOOK OUT! YOU'LL BE KILLED. GIVE IT UP!!

WHERE ARE YOU FROM? SALSTRA MEZMALDA CASDORADO KICHIKUROMI?

THE WORDS HAVE CHANGED...

LIVING AT SUCH A DISTANCE HERE IN ISOLATION FOR SO LONG, THE WORDS HAVE COMPLETELY CHANGED...

CASDURADO!! WARE CASDO-RADO??

CASDORADO TORATRENDO MIEKUNMI KOMPREKIDDO?

!?

EL...!!

EL PAMUMELA CONDORUDO WAINAPCHIKO!!

WH- WHAT DID YOU SAY TO THEM? THEY ALL DROPPED TO THEIR KNEES. I DON'T LIKE IT.

YOU'LL UNDER-STAND LATER... WE'RE FINISHED HERE, RIGHT?

HE SPOKE PERFECTLY GOOD JAPA-NESE...??

BE CARE-FUL...!!

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LEOPARDO WILL BE WAIT-ING IMPATIENT-LY. HURRY UP, MONKEY.

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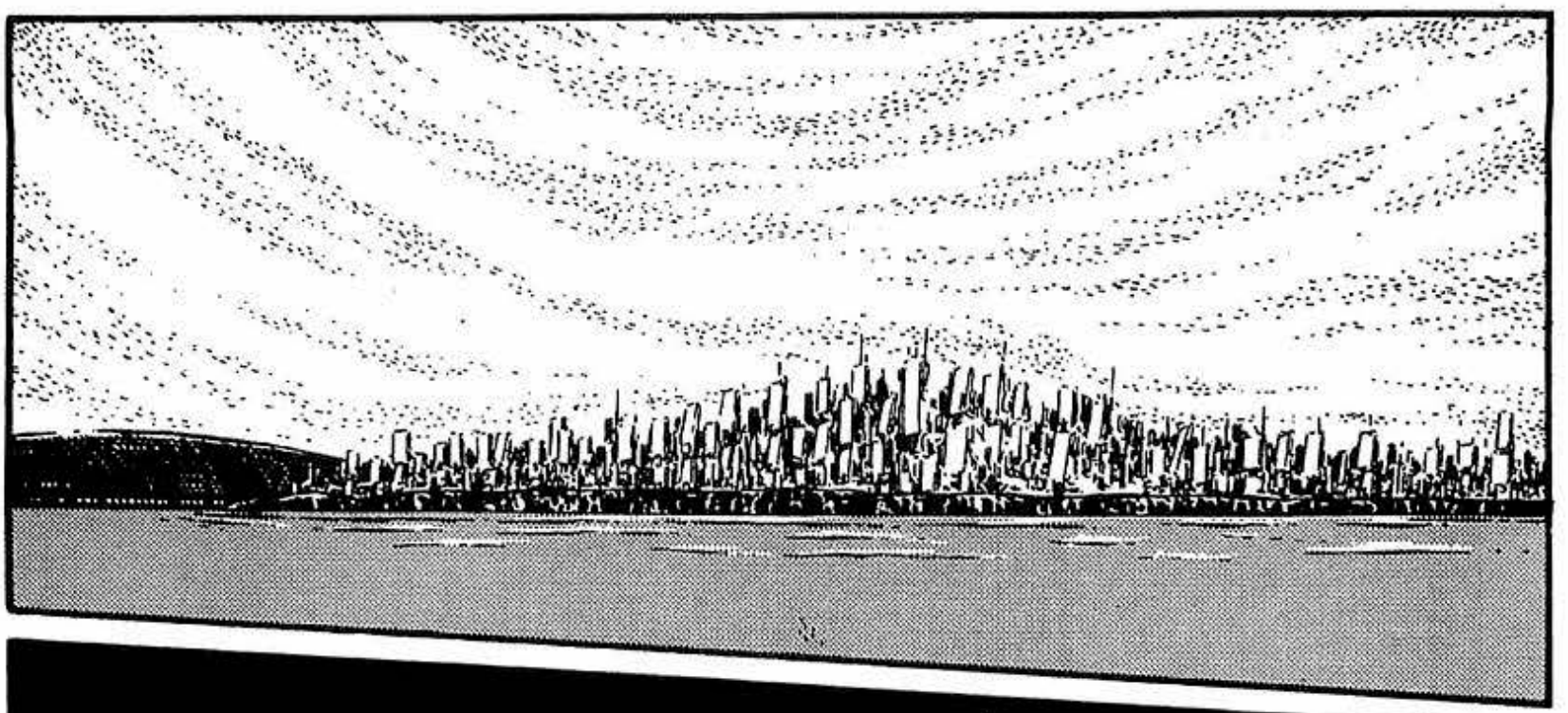
WOW! THIS PAS-SAGEWAY IS AMAZ-ING. LIKE A DREAM!!

IT'S MY EXCLUSIVE PASSAGEWAY...NO ONE ELSE MAY USE IT.

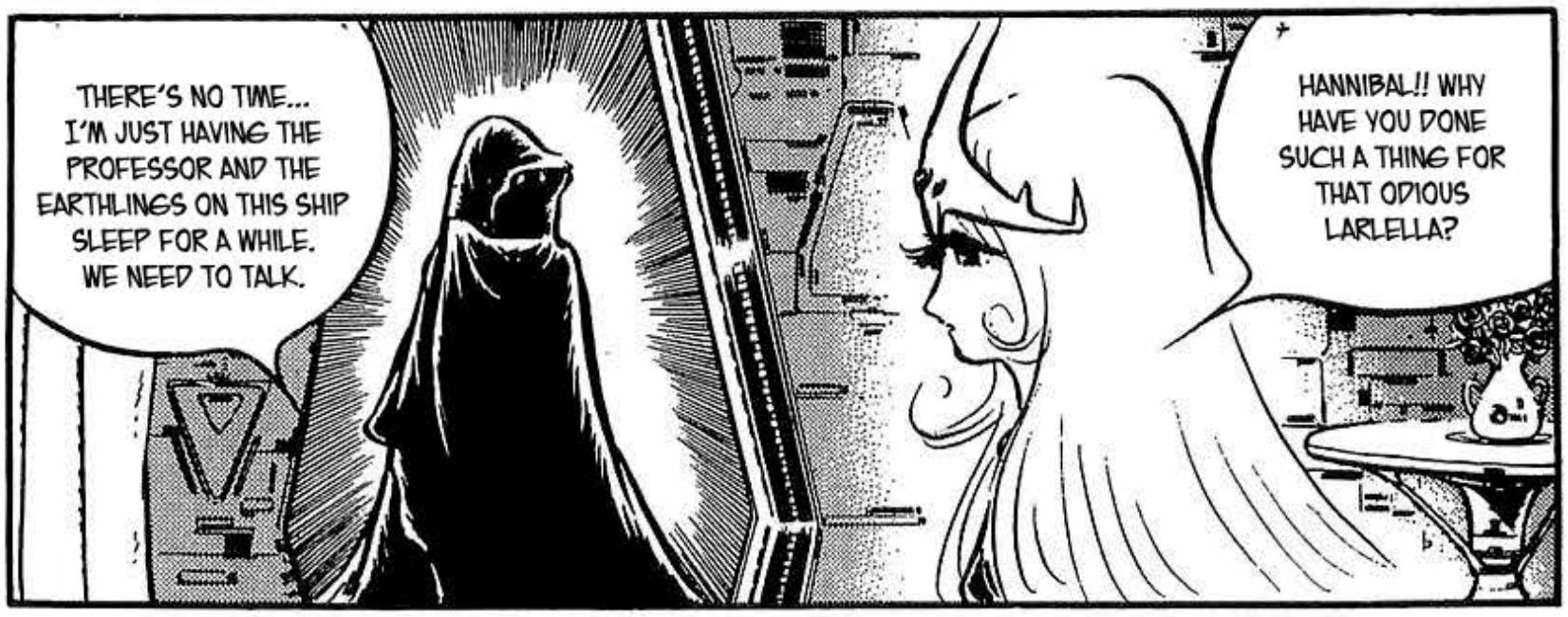
WE HAVE BEEN ANTICIPATING YOUR ARRIVAL, GREAT LEADER LARLELLA!! COMMANDER LEOPARDO IS WAITING!!

IF YOU DON'T WALK UNDER YOUR OWN POWER YOUR LEGS WILL DIS-APPEAR.

THE PEOPLE OF LA-METAL HAVE MASTERED GRAVITY...WE CONTROL IT FREELY NOW.



YOU SEEM TO HAVE RECEIVED QUITE A SHOCK AT MIYU CITY.
THIS IS...WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY ROOM?


THERE'S NO TIME... I'M JUST HAVING THE PROFESSOR AND THE EARTHLINGS ON THIS SHIP SLEEP FOR A WHILE. WE NEED TO TALK.
HANNIBAL!! WHY HAVE YOU DONE SUCH A THING FOR THAT ODIOUS LARLELLA?

YAYOI YUKINO...NO, PROMETHIUM II...GIVE ME THE KEY TO THE DEVICE THAT CONTROLS THE ENERGY BEINGS THAT MOVE THIS CAVESHIP AND ALSO CONTROLS LARLELLA'S MIND ENERGY.

THIS SHIP IS MY RESPONSIBILITY. I CANNOT TURN OVER THE CONTROL KEY TO ANYONE ELSE...EVEN YOU, HANNIBAL.

!! .....

OPEN THE KEY BOX!! YOU ONLY NEED TO LOWER TWO LEVERS. THAT IS, IF YOU WISH TO SAVE HASHIME!!

IF YOU HESITATE IT WILL BE TOO LATE, YAYOI YUKINO!! IF YOU CARE ABOUT HASHIME YOU WILL DO AS I ASK.

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THANK YOU...AND NOW, THIS SHIP SHOULD BE BEYOND THE CONTROL OF LARLELLA.

(SFX) BEEP

SEREN HAS BEEN FIGHTING HER SINCE LONG AGO...BUT SEREN HAS BEEN IN-JURED!!

I WILL DO BATTLE WITH GREAT LEADER LARLELLA.

SHE'S ALREADY FURIOUS. A LITTLE MORE FURIOUS WON'T MATTER.

GREAT LEADER LARLELLA WILL BE FURIOUS.

IN OTHER WORDS...YOU ARE FREE TO USE THIS SHIP IN ANY MANNER YOU SEE FIT.

THAT I DO NOT KNOW. SHE WAS SHOT IN THE STRATOSPHERE OVER AFRICA.

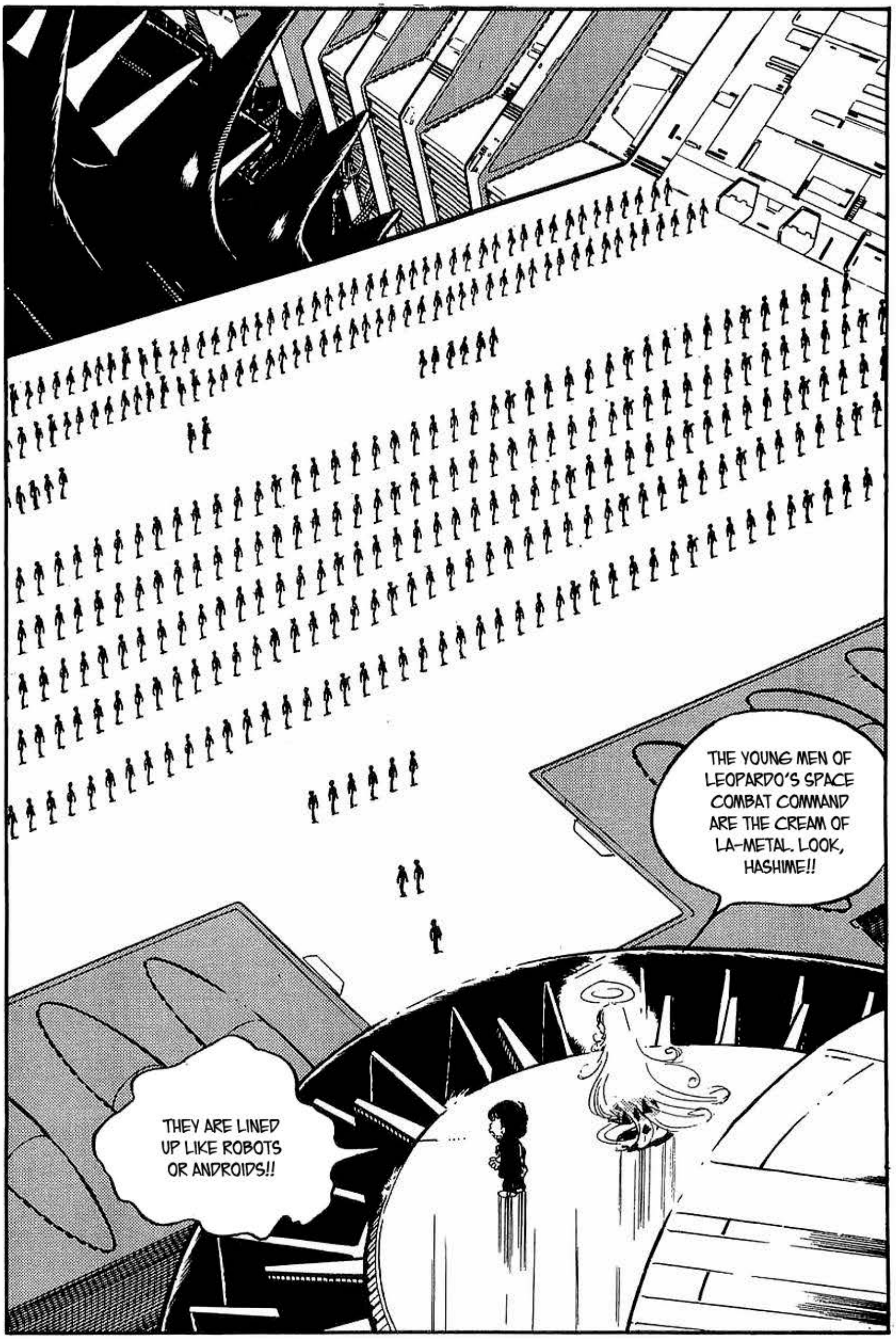
HOW BAD IS HER INJURY?

LARLELLA... WILL PROBABLY EXECUTE HER...

I HAVE JUST HEARD THAT LEOPARDO HAS TAKEN HER TO MIYU CITY.

WAS SHE CAUGHT?

SEREN...


THE YOUNG MEN OF LEOPARDO'S SPACE COMBAT COMMAND ARE THE CREAM OF LA-METAL. LOOK, HASHIME!!
THEY ARE LINED UP LIKE ROBOTS OR ANDROIDS!!

AH

THIS IS A STAIR-CASE. SURELY YOU CAN DE-SCEND ON YOUR OWN. COME WITH ME, HASHIME.

I'M COMING, I'M COMING.

THAT'S...!?

THE PRISONERS FROM THE MILLENNIAL THIEVES...

THE MILLENNIAL THIEVES...!! MEANING...!!

MISS SEREN!!

EH!!

DON'T WORRY. SHE ISN'T DEAD.

IS MISS SEREN...!?

AND SO WE MEET AGAIN HASHIME AMAMORI!! AS FINE AS EVER, I SEE.

COMMANDER LEOPARDO!!

THEY TOOK A DIRECT HIT FROM THE SHOCK CANNON AND COLLAPSED DUE TO ASPHYXIATION.

BY EXECUTION I MEAN THAT. LOOK!!

I LEAVE THAT TO THE VERDICT OF LADY LARLELLA...BUT IT IS LIKELY TO BE EXECUTION...

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO MISS SEREN AND THE OTHERS?

THAT IS THE MILLENNIAL THIEVES' COMMANDER OF NORTHERN EUROPE...AND THIS IS HOW LADY LARLELLA EXE-CUTES OFFENDERS...

AH!!

THEY ARE ENERGY BEINGS THAT PROVIDE THE POWER WE USE. JUST BY LIVING THEY PRODUCE AN UNBELIEVABLE QUANTITY OF ENERGY.

WHAT'S THE WEIRD STUFF?

SHE WILL BE ASSIMILATED INTO THE ENERGY BEINGS.

UM, HOW WILL THE COMMANDER...

I OFFER FORGIVENESS TO NO ONE WHO BETRAYS ME.

THAT'S RIGHT...

ASSIMILATED... IN OTHER WORDS, EATEN...

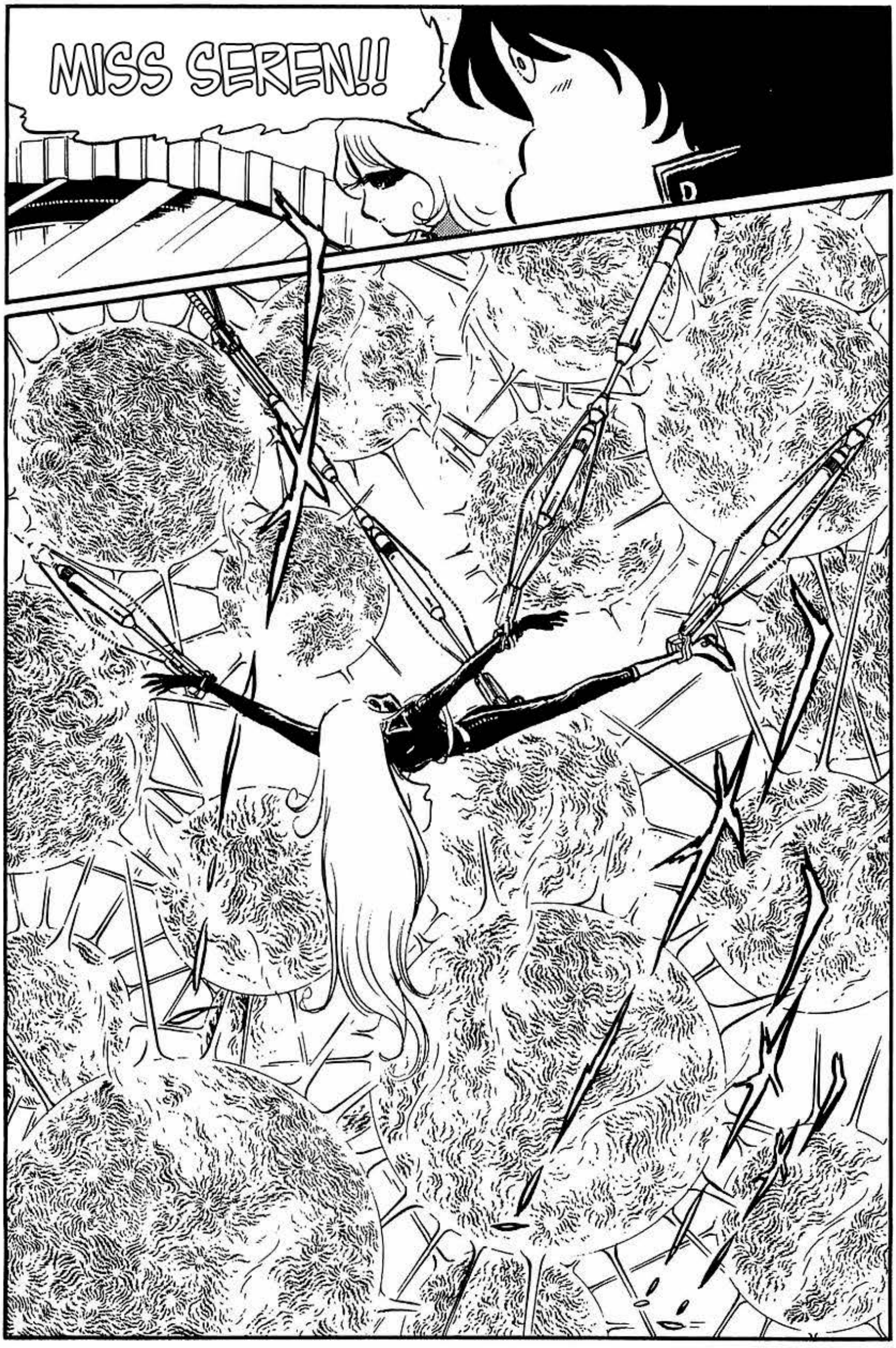
I CANNOT ALLOW THE MOST FAMOUS RENEGADE IN THE HISTORY OF LA-METAL TO CONTINUE LIVING.

ESPECIALLY SEREN...SHE HAS CONTINUED TO BETRAY AND RESIST ME FOR COUNTLESS AGES...

SEREN OF COURSE...

WHO WILL BE NEXT, GREAT LEADER LARLELLA?

THE COMMANDER OF NORTHERN EUROPE...HAS BEEN DESTROYED.


MISS SEREN!!
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AH-AH! DON'T TOUCH ME!! DON'T TOUCH THE HALO OF LIGHT!!

STOP, LARLELLA!! DON'T DO IT!!

HASHIME... WHAT HAVE YOU...DONE...

UH...UH... UH...

WHY YOU!! YOU DARE LAY A HAND ON GREAT LEADER LARLELLA'S SACRED HALO!?

LEAVE HIM BE, LEOPARDO. I FORGIVE HIM.

YOU OFFER FORGIVENESS? TO THIS IMPUDENT FELLOW??

HASHIME IS OKAY...HIM I'LL FOR-GIVE.

M-
MISS SEREN!!

SHUT UP!!
STOP DOING
THIS!! STOP IT,
LARLELLA!!

YOU CANNOT
HELP HER.
GIVE IT UP,
HASHIME!!

!!

SEREN'S BODY BLEW UP!?

MISS SEREN BLEW UP?

WHAT'S THIS!? LEOPARDO!! ARE YOU SAYING SHE WAS CARRYING AN EXPLOSIVE!?

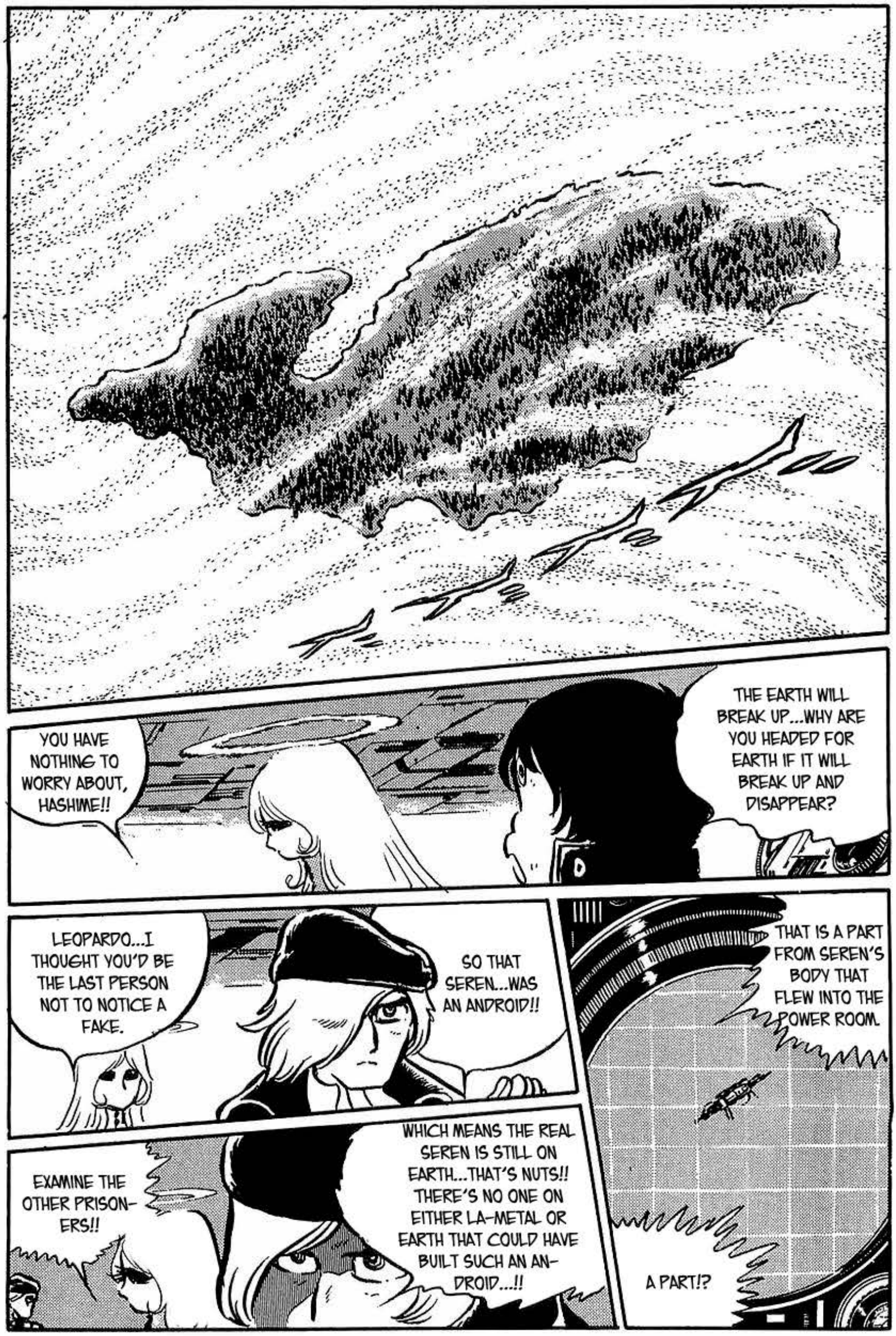
YES, SIR!!

DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE EXPLOSION AT ONCE!!

ARRIVING ON EARTH? THIS FLOATING CONTINENT!?

A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF ENERGY SPHERES...MEANS THERE WON'T BE SUFFICIENT THRUST FORCE OR BUOYANCY FOR THE CONTINENT. WE'LL HAVE TROUBLE MEETING OUR ARRIVAL TIME ON EARTH...

THE SPHERES OF THE ENERGY BEINGS SUFFERED CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE...AND QUITE A NUMBER OF THEM ARE DEAD...


THE EARTH WILL BREAK UP...WHY ARE YOU HEADED FOR EARTH IF IT WILL BREAK UP AND DISAPPEAR?
YOU HAVE NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, HASHIME!!
SO THAT SEREN...WAS AN ANDROID!!
LEOPARDO...I THOUGHT YOU'D BE THE LAST PERSON NOT TO NOTICE A FAKE.
THAT IS A PART FROM SEREN'S BODY THAT FLEW INTO THE POWER ROOM.
A PART!?
WHICH MEANS THE REAL SEREN IS STILL ON EARTH...THAT'S NUTS!! THERE'S NO ONE ON EITHER LA-METAL OR EARTH THAT COULD HAVE BUILT SUCH AN ANDROID...!!
EXAMINE THE OTHER PRISONERS!!

WE PLUCKED THESE AUTOMATIC METALLIC CELLS OUT OF THE MECHANICAL HEADS OF ALL THE PRISONERS.

ANDROIDS!! ALL OF THEM!! ALL THE MILLENNIAL THIEVES ARE SOMEWHERE LAUGHING AT ME.

AS SOON AS WE DID SO, THEY ALL COLLAPSED.

LEOPARDO

IT DID NOT LOOK LIKE AN ANDROID!! DAMN!!

THERE WERE TWO DEVICES AND ONE BLEW UP.

THE METALLIC CELLS IN SEREN'S BODY HAD A PARTICULARLY HIGH ENERGY LEVEL.

I DON'T REALLY UNDERSTAND ALL THIS, BUT IT SEEMS LIKE MISS SEREN IS SAFE...

HUH?

HAVE YOUR FORGOTTEN. THERE IS ONE IN THIS UNIVERSE THAT CAN MAKE ANDROIDS LIKE THESE.

ONE WHO CAN MAKE...

HANNIBAL!! THAT OLD FOOL!!

CORRECT. THE OLD FOOL HANNIBAL...

YOU'VE MET HIM!?

YOU MEAN THAT GUY WITH THE BLACK CAPE THAT SEEMS LIKE A GHOST...?

WHICH QUADRANT WAS IT? COORDINATES?

HE HELPED ME OUT ON CARMILLA'S PLANET...WHEN I WAS RETURNING FROM YOUR SHIP...

IT'S NO USE ASKING HASHIME...COMPARED TO US HE HAS THE BRAIN POWER OF A MONKEY. HE COULDN'T POSSIBLY READ A SPACE CHART...

HMPH. TOO BAD I GUESS.

NO...THIS FELLOW IS DIFFERENT...HIS KNOWLEDGE WAS AUGMENTED BY YAYOI YUKINO...

IF WE ATTACH HIM TO THE MACHINE...HE MAY REMEMBER WHAT HE HAS FORGOTTEN...

EH-EHH!?

THERE ARE WAYS TO MAKE YOU REMEMBER...BUT IT WILL BE A BIT ROUGH...

S- STOP! I'M NOT A GUINEA PIG!!

IT'S ONLY UNTIL YOU REMEMBER, HASHIME. PUT UP WITH IT.

BZZT...!!

CONNECT-ING THE LINE!!

PERPENDICULAR TO THE GALACTIC PLANE, SPACE CHART ALPHA...LOWER SIDE...NEAR THE BLACK STAR LAR...

THE PLACE WHERE HANNIBAL AND HASHIME MET...

SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU BEEN SUCH A FOOL, LEOPARDO?

THE MEANS...HANNIBAL MAY HAVE BEEN TAILING THE SPACE COMBAT COMMAND EVER SINCE...HE COULD HAVE BEEN MONITORING MY MOVEMENTS!!

WHY? HOW COULD I NOT HAVE BEEN AWARE OF THAT CARMELLA'S PLANET WAS THERE!?

MY RECONNAISSANCE COURSE AROUND THE BLACK STAR LAR TOOK ME VERY CLOSE TO THIS POINT.

WHAT COULD HE BE THINKING? IS HE FRIEND OR FOE OF LA-METAL? WHICH IS IT!?

HANNIBAL IS A FORMIDABLE FOE...